

## PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference NSI-8	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/US03/22471	International filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 17 July 2003 (17.07.2003)	(Earliest) Priority Date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 19 July 2002 (19.07.2002)
Applicant NEXT SAFETY, INC		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 5 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

## 1. Basis of the Report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:



contained in the international application in written form.



filed together with the international application in computer readable form.



furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.



furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.



the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.



the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found **unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☒ **Unity of invention is lacking** (See Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1



as suggested by the applicant.



because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.



because this figure better characterizes the invention.



None of the figures

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**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)**

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claim Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claim Nos.:  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claim Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

**Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)**This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:  
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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-38

Remark on Protest ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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## Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

Communication methods and apparatus using ultraviolet (UV) light are provided. Safe UV communication devices, including remote control units, can use highly efficient UV LEDs (100) and very low-noise UV photodetectors (110). In some cases, the LEDs (100) emit light at wavelengths below 400 nm, below 320 nm, or even below 280 nm. In one embodiment, communication can be achieved using an LED (100) that emits less than about 1 picowatt of UV energy at a photodetector distance of up to at least about 10 meters. Longer range communication can also be achieved at higher power levels. Photodetectors (110) having very low dark current at room temperature, such as below about  $1 \times 10^{-9}$  A/m<sup>2</sup>, or even below about  $1 \times 10^{-12}$  A/m<sup>2</sup>, are preferable.

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**

IPC(7) : H04B 10/02, 10/04, 10/06, 10/08, 10/16; H01S 3/13; H04R 15/00, 17/00; G02F 1/33; F21V 09/06  
 US CL : 398/38, 106, 118, 126-128, 130, 133, 135, 138, 140, 173, 182, 202, 208; 372/29.012; 367/140; 359/311, 350, 361;  
 According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 398/38, 106, 118, 126-128, 130, 133, 135, 138, 140, 173, 182, 202, 208; 372/29.012; 367/140; 359/311, 350, 361;

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y,P	US 2002/0149822 A1 (Stroud) 17 October 2002 (17.10.2002), [0067], [0027], [0030], [0036] and Fig. 8	1-13, 15-17, 20-21, 25-37
Y	US 5,093,576 A (Edmond et al) 03 March 1992 (03.03.1992), Col. 3, lines 21-48, Col. 14, line 56-Col. 15, line 44, and Fig. 3-6	21-24
Y	US 5,354,979 A (Adelson et al) 11 October 1994 (11.10.1994), Col. 2, line 42-Col. 4, line 36	1, 16, 18-19, 38
Y	US 6,014,236 A (Flaherty) 11 January 2000 (11.01.2000), Abstract and Fig. 6	1, 16, 18-19, 38
Y,P	US 6,647,212 B1 (Toriumi et al) 11 November 2003 (11.11.2003), Col. 4, line 49-Col. 5, line 34 and Fig. 2, 4, 6, 9 and 12	4-13, 27-36
Y	US 5,191,460 A (Lapatovich) 02 March 1993 (02.03.1993), Col. 2, line 66-Col. 4, line 41	2-3, 25-26
Y	US 4,887,312 (Dannhaeuser) 12 December 1988 (12.12.1988), Col. 2, line 41-Col. 4, line 30	17

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☐ See patent family annex.

## \* Special categories of cited documents:

"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance  
 "E" earlier application or patent published on or after the international filing date  
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 "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone  
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**CHAPTER I**  
**PCT TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM**  
**FOR**  
**LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION**

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PCT No.: PCT/US03/22471

Examiner: Alex H Chan

Attorney spoken to: Mass, Clifford

Date of call: 23 December 2003

- ☐ Amount of payment approved:
- ☐ Deposit account number to be charged:
- ☐ Attorney elected to pay for ALL additional inventions
- ☐ Attorney elected to pay only for the additional inventions covered by
- ☐ Group(s):
- encompassing ---
- ☐ Claim(s):
- ☒ Attorney elected NOT to pay for any additional inventions, therefore, only the first claimed invention (Group I) covered by Claim(s) 1-38 has been searched.
- ☒ Attorney was orally advised that there is no right to protest for any group not paid for.
- ☒ Attorney was orally advised that any protest must be filed no later than 15 days from the mailing of the Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).

**Time Limit For Filing A Protest**

Applicant is hereby given 15 days from the mailing date of this Search Report in which to file a protest of the holding of lack of unity of invention. In accordance with PCT Rule 40.2, applicant may protest the holding of lack of unity only with respect to the group(s) paid for.

**Detailed Reasons For Holding Lack of Unity of Invention:**

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## **ATTACHMENT TO CHAPTER I PCT TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM FOR LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION**

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### **Continuation of Detailed Reasons For Holding Lack of Unity of Invention:**

Group I (Claims 1-38) corresponds to Fig. 5;  
Group II (Claims 1,39-54) corresponds to Fig. 6-7;  
Group III (Claims 1,55-56) corresponds to Fig. 8;  
Group IV (Claims 1,57-62) corresponds to Fig. 16;

Claim 1 is generic.

Group I, claim(s) 1-38, is drawn to a wireless remote unit for use with low noise UV photodetector.

Group II, claims(s) 1 and 39-54, is drawn to a material detector.

Group III, claim(s) 1 and 55-56, is drawn to a traffic detector.

Group IV, claim(s) 1 and 57-62, is drawn to an aircraft collision avoidance system for a plurality of aircraft.

The invention listed as Groups I, II, III, and IV do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The "special technical features" of Group I are drawn to a wireless remote unit(s) comprise(s) UV LED, a microprocessor connected to the LED and an energy storage device for storing electrical energy. Groups II, III and IV do not share any of these features.

The "special technical features" of Group II are drawn to a material detector(s) which has specifics about power, distance, wavelength, transducer and details of the power source. No groups share any of such features.

The "special technical features" of Group III are the traffic detector(s) comprise(s) at least one light emitting diode having a wavelength shorter than about 310 nm, at least one UV photodetector that detects and generates electrical signal indicative of light detected and a microprocessor coupled to at least one photodetector to determine whether an automobile is present and generate a trigger signal when automobile is determined to be present. No groups share these features for an automobile.

The "special technical features" of Group IV are the aircraft collision avoidance system comprise(s) at least one light emitting diode that emits a first UV light, a first microprocessor having specifics about its modulation of the position of the mirrors, a UV photodetector that detects a second UV light previously encoded and generates an electrical signal in response to second UV light with details of controllable mirrors, and a second microprocessor. No groups share these features for an aircraft avoidance system.

Groups I, II, III and IV do not share each group's "special technical features" either singularly or as a whole. Thus, unity of invention is lacking.

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